## Al aska Trauma Registry Cal endar February 2001

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Enclosed with your ATR calendar this month are brochures from the Brain Injury Association of Alaska. Please pass these on to hospital staff who are in direct contact with brain-injured patients and their family members, and who can refer these people to this important resource for information and services.

Brain injury can be sudden, devastating, and overwhelming. The Brain Injury Association of Alaska offers education, advocacy, support, evaluation, rehabilitation, and counseling. This organization also provides training for professionals. Most importantly though, it helps people who are confronting brain injury to better understand their circumstances, sort through the maze of options, and connect with the services and help they need.

An advisory group has been created to guide the association's activities under a Traumatic Brain In-

jury planning grant. Martha Moore and Mary Leemhuis both serve on this board. This group is widely representative of a variety of agencies and includes, as well, a "consumer" — a high school student recovering from a brain injury herself. This young lady expressed the need for young people like herself, who have suffered a brain injury, to be able to talk to and be reassured by another young person who has been through the experience. She said she would be willing to do this through the Brain Injury Association of Alaska.

The association is holding their 3rd Annual Conference, "Training the Brain", on February 12-14, 2001 at the Hilton in Anchorage. It promises to be a very interesting and educational conference. For more information call (907) 338-9800.

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